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## **FROM THE ASHEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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### **“What About the Four ?”**

**Asheville, NC** - Asheville Parks and Recreation will present “What About the Four?” at the W.C. Reid Center for Creative Arts, 133 Livingston St., on Apr. 30 at 4:30 p.m. and on May 1 at 2 p.m. The play is part of the creative theater residency program, written by David Mitchell and directed by W. Lavone Griffin of Artsmart-Theatrical Visionaries, Inc. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for 18 and under. Reserved seating is required.

“What About the Four?” is a multi media drama about the serious plight of African American males but livened up by a healthy dose of creative humor. Presented by an all male cast of local youth, the story is based on the alarming statistic that one out of every five black males will end up in jail, on drugs, on probation or dead. This production addresses the lives of the 80 % of black boys who do not fall victim to these societal dangers but instead make significant contributions to their families and communities.

The play takes place on the set of the popular talk show “For You To Know!” moderated by Dexter Danforth. A panel of noted community leaders discusses the origin of and provides solutions to the problem of the endangered African American male. A local reporter conducts live interviews with men and boys in the community as the talk show progresses. Complete with fictitious commercials, this production takes a hard but

entertaining look at the choices that young black males make in their lives. Most importantly, the play dispels the myth of a doomed and gloomy future for African American males while promoting a positive a brighter future.

For information contact Garry Briggs, Reid Center at 828-350-2048.

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